**September 30, 2024** 

## JPMorgan Small Cap Equity Fund



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JPMorgan Funds – Small Cap Equity Fund as of September 30, 2024



#### **Expertise**

### Experienced and dedicated portfolio management team

- Don San Jose, lead Portfolio Manager, has been involved in the strategy since 2004\*
- He is supported by 4 dedicated analysts with an average of 13 years of experience



#### **Portfolio**

### Fundamental, bottom-up approach with a focus on quality

 Quality businesses that are run by strong management teams at attractive valuations



#### Results

### The strategy has delivered strong performance over time

- Consistent outperformance with less volatility than the benchmark has led to best-in-class risk-adjusted returns
- Capital preservation has been a hallmark of the strategy – 82% downmarket capture/8th percentile trailing 10 years\*\*

Source: J.P. Morgan Asset Management.

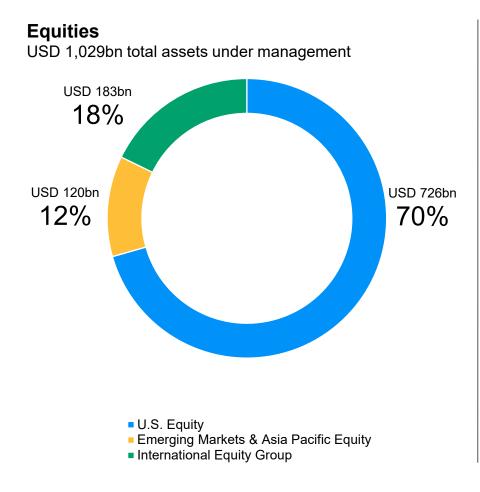
<sup>\*</sup> Don San Jose has been a Co-PM on the strategy since 2007 & named lead PM in February of 2013. Dan Percella is a Co-PM for the strategy.

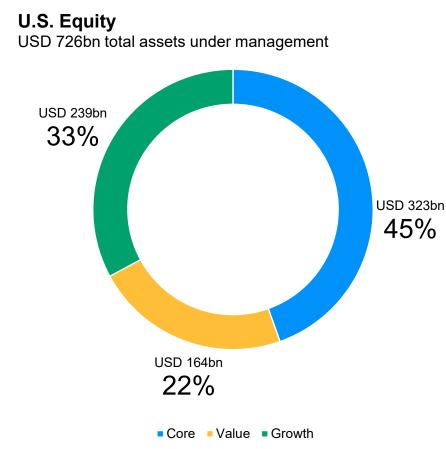
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# Capabilities

#### **Equities assets under management**

As of September 30, 2024, J.P. Morgan Asset Management's Equity teams manage USD 1,029 billion





Source: J.P. Morgan Asset Management. Data includes internal Fund of Funds and joint ventures.

# Small Cap Investing

#### The case for small caps



#### **Valuation**

Small cap relative valuations are near historic lows

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#### Improving fundamentals

Earnings growth expected to resume after 2 years of declines



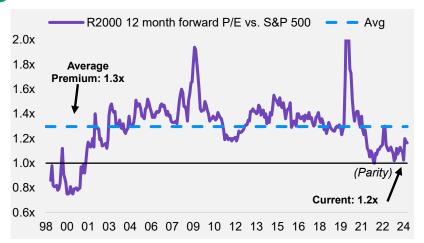
## Potential for market broadening out

Historically, small caps have outperformed large caps when index concentration has reached peak levels

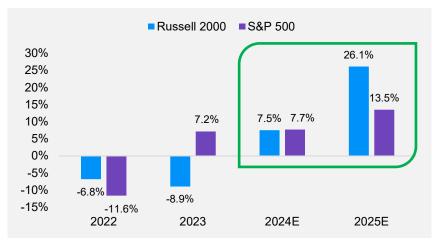
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#### Why are small caps interesting now?





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Source: J.P. Morgan Asset Management, (upper left) Factset as of 9/30/2024, (upper right) Furey Research as of 9/30/2024, (lower) Furey Research as of 6/30/2024. For illustrative purposes only. Estimates, forecasts and comparisons are as of the dates stated in the material. This information does not reflect the performance of any specific investment scenario. The views and strategies described herein may not be suitable for all investors, and more complete information is available which discusses risks, liquidity, and other matters of interest. This information is not intended as an offer or solicitation for the purchase or sale of any financial instrument. **Outlooks and past performance are no guarantee of future results.**J.P.Morgan
It is not possible to invest directly in an index.

#### The case for active

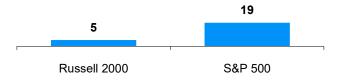
#### Why go active?

#### Why JPMorgan Small Cap Equity Fund?



Small caps are less covered vs. large caps and potentially allow for more underappreciated opportunities

Average # of covering analysts per stock





Tenured investment team with 20 years of experience and expertise investing in small caps



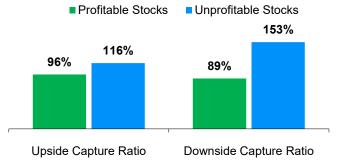
The small cap universe has a significant amount of unprofitable companies (38% of the Russell 2000 Index) with higher leverage (4.5x leverage ratio<sup>1</sup>)



JPMorgan Small Cap Equity Fund invests in high quality businesses with less exposure to unprofitable companies (1% of the portfolio) and lower leverage (2.5x leverage ratio1)



Stocks of unprofitable companies have greater downside volatility





Investment approach leads to a strong, consistent track record - outperformed Russell 2000 Index 15 of 19 calendar years

With less exposure to the downside – 82% down-market capture/8th percentile trailing 10 years\*

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Small Cap is referencing the Russell 2000 Index. The Russell 2000 Index is a market-cap-weighted index of widely held stocks that are used as a representation of the small cap market. The returns are total returns and include the reinvestment of dividends. An individual cannot invest directly in an index. The index is unmanaged. J.P.Morgan JPMorgan Small Cap Equity Fund

# Expertise

#### A tight knit team with a disciplined focus on delivering alpha



Jonathan Sherman

Head of U.S. Equity Experience: 27/20

#### **Portfolio Management**



Don San Jose

CIO Value Portfolio Manager Experience: 27/25



Dan Percella

Co-Portfolio Manager Experience: 22/17

**Research Team** 



Jonathon Brachle
Managing Director
Experience: 17/17



Chris Carter

Executive Director

Experience: 18/9



Vice President
Experience: 8/8



Michael Yuan
Vice President
Experience: 7/7

#### **Investment Specialists**



James Connors

Managing Director
Experience: 20/19



Nick Cangialosi

Executive Director

Experience: 15/13



Douglas Stewart

Vice President Experience: 14/14



Scott Shladovsky

Vice President Experience: 14/14



Steve Lewis
Vice President
Experience: 9/9

Also leverages the insights of the J.P. Morgan Equity organization, which includes over 40 research analysts in the U.S. and over 200 analysts globally

As of September 2024. Years of experience: industry/firm.

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## Process

#### Investment Philosophy: We are fundamental bottom-up stock pickers

#### **Quality Business**

#### We focus on quality first:

- durable business model
- consistent earnings
- clear competitive advantages
- · high return on invested capital
- · sustainable free cashflow

#### **Quality Management**

#### Management is key:

- good stewards of capital
- committed to increasing shareholder value
- track record of success

#### **Valuation**

#### Valuation is critical:

- Price/earnings
- Price/book value
- · Private market analysis
- · Free cashflow yield
- Enterprise value analysis

Our approach leads to a portfolio that has historically shown less volatility than the market with less exposure to the downside

For illustrative purposes only.

The manager seeks to achieve the stated objectives. There can be no guarantee the objectives will be met.

Small-cap investing typically carry more risk than stock funds investing in well-established "blue-chip" companies. Historically, small-cap companies' stock has experienced a greater degree of market volatility than the average stock.



## Our process is focused on identifying the stocks that meet our investment criteria and constructing a diversified portfolio

#### **Fundamental Valuation Portfolio** Idea Generation **Analysis** Construction **Analysis** Russell 2000 Index & Business characteristics Metrics tailored to each Portfolio manager utilizes the fundamental Market Cap \$1b - \$5b industry leadership sector: · sustainable competitive Enterprise Value and valuation analysis advantage Free Cash Flow Yield Quantitative screens coupled with his own Private Market Value Price to free cash flow insights to drive the Financial factors Insider buying investment decisions sustainable free cash flow Cash flow return on · high return on invested investment A bottom-up, best ideas capital portfolio of 80 - 120 Company meetings Management factors holdings with a track record of success maximum stock Industry conferences · good stewards of capital weighting of 5% Sector constraints: +/-10% at sector level

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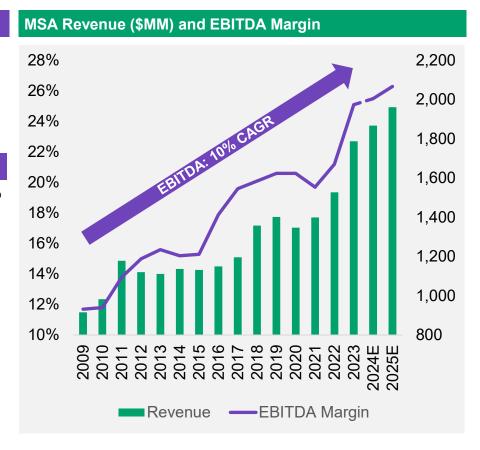
#### MSA Safety (MSA)

#### **Company Description**

MSA Safety develops, manufacturers, and supplies fire and other safety products. Core products include self-contained breathing apparatuses, gas/flame detection systems, helmets, and fall protection.

#### **Investment Highlights**

- Top 3 global market position in all core products, making up 85% of revenues
- Highly fragmented industry with few participants offering a comprehensive lineup of safety products
- Safety products are non-discretionary less cyclicality of demand
- Low capital intensive and highly profitable business
- Consistent management track record of execution, margin expansion, and accretive M&A



Sources: Company filings, Bloomberg, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. The companies/securities above are shown for illustrative purposes only. Their inclusion should not be interpreted as a recommendation to buy or sell. J.P. Morgan Asset Management may or may not hold positions on behalf of its clients in any or all of the aforementioned securities. *Past performance is not necessarily a reliable indicator for current and future performance.* Data most recent as of 9/30/2024.

#### Sell discipline is as important as buy discipline

We reduce or eliminate a position when:



### We are no longer comfortable with our fundamental thesis

- The quality of the business changes or is not as strong as expected
- The quality of management is not as strong as expected or there is a change in business or capital allocation strategy



#### Valuation becomes less attractive

• Valuation is critical to position sizing and managing risk

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## Results

#### Strategy overview

#### As of September 30, 2024

## Market review

• Leadership broadened out in the third quarter, particularly down market cap. Small caps outperformed large caps, with the Russell 2000 Index returning 9.27% vs. 5.89% for the S&P 500 Index. Within the Russell 2000 Index, every sector posted a positive return with the exception of energy.

## Portfolio review

- The JPMorgan Small Cap Equity Fund (R6 Shares) outperformed the Russell 2000 Index in 3Q, returning 9.71% vs. 9.27% in 3Q. The
  outperformance was almost entirely driven by strong stock selection.
- The high quality cyclical exposure that had been added to the portfolio for the past several quarters was a key driver of the Fund's outperformance. Among the top contributors were industrial and building products names exposed to housing and as well as banks, capital markets, and asset managers within financials. Energy was the top sector contributor driven by the Fund's underweight and owned names having less sensitivity to a fall in crude prices followed by financials. Telecommunications was the largest detractor, where the Fund has no exposure. The telecom sector tends have a lot of lower growth, higher capital intensive businesses, characteristics that don't fit the Fund's investment approach.
- Year-to-date, the Fund is in-line with the Russell 2000 Index, returning 11.25% vs. 11.17%. Strong stock selection in financials and staples
  are top contributors. This is offset by the negative impact from unowned AI and cryptocurrency related names in technology and weakness in
  general industrials earlier in the year.

### **Positioning**

- High quality cyclical exposure continues to be added across parts of industrials and consumer that have underperformed. Consistent with the
  process, these have been funded from outperformers where valuation has become elevated.
- Industrials remains the top sector overweight. The energy sector continues to be a recipient of funds and is now only a modest underweight. Health care remains the top underweight, followed by consumer discretionary.
- The team remains constructive on potential future catalysts for small caps with the combination of attractive relative valuations, higher earnings expectations, and the continuation of the market broadening out.

ASSET MANAGEMENT

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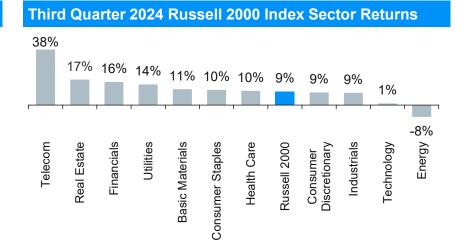
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#### **Market Environment**

#### **Third Quarter 2024 Index Returns**

July 1, 2024 - September 30, 2024 shaded from best-to-worst performing index

	Value	Core	Growth
Large	9.4%	5.9%	3.2%
Mid	10.1%	9.2%	6.5%
Small	10.2%	9.3%	8.4%

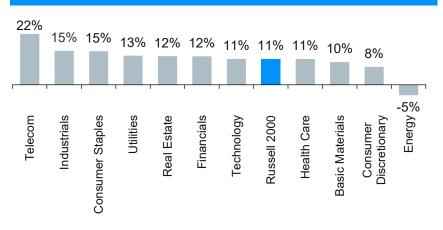


#### **YTD Index Returns**

January 1, 2024 – September 30, 2024 shaded from best-to-worst performing index

	Value	Core	Growth
Large	16.7%	22.1%	24.5%
Mid	15.1%	14.6%	12.9%
Small	9.2%	11.2%	13.2%

#### YTD Russell 2000 Index Sector Returns



Source: J.P. Morgan Asset Management; Morningstar, Frank Russell Company, Standard & Poor's. For all time periods, total return is based on Russell-style indexes with the exception of the large blend category, which is based on the S&P 500 Index. *Past performance is not a guarantee of future results.* 



#### **Performance**

#### JPMorgan Funds - Small Cap Equity Fund as of September 30, 2024

Market value					JPMo	organ S	Small C	ap Equ	uity Fu	ınd	J.	P. Mor	gan S	mall Ca	ap Acti	ve Cor	e Strat	egy
September 2024									\$4,417	7m							\$5,96	6m
Time-weighted trailing rates of return per (%)	forman	ice at N	IAV	3Q24	Υ	TD	1 y	ear	3	years		5 years	5	10 yea	ars	Since	Incepti	ion*
JPMorgan Small Cap Equity Fund (R6 Share	es)			9.71	1	1.25	25.	13	;	3.55		9.26		9.90	)	,	10.86	
Russell 2000 Index				9.27	1	1.17	26.	76	,	1.84		9.39		8.78	3		8.49	
Excess returns				0.44	0	.08	-1.	63	,	1.71		-0.13		1.12	2		2.37	
Morningstar % Rank (Small Blend)							5	6		65		72		16			1	
Calendar year performance at NAV (%)	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
JPMorgan Small Cap Equity Fund (R6 Shares)	18.79	3.84	-27.05	32.11	26.41	2.92	18.10	36.15	7.33	-1.55	22.33	15.88	-8.77	28.72	18.80	16.29	-15.88	12.16
Russell 2000 Index	18.37	-1.57	-33.79	27.17	26.85	-4.18	16.35	38.82	4.89	-4.41	21.31	14.65	-11.01	25.52	19.96	14.82	-20.44	16.93
Excess returns	0.42	5.41	6.74	4.94	-0.44	7.10	1.75	-2.67	2.44	2.86	1.02	1.23	2.24	3.20	-1.16	1.47	4.56	-4.77
Morningstar % Rank (Small Blend)	13	18	5	61	55	8	9	76	14	17	35	15	11	13	19	84	35	84

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Morningstar Ratings <sup>™</sup> and Morningstar category: © Morningstar. All Rights Reserved. As of 9/30/2024, the Small Cap Equity Fund (R6 Shares) was ranked in the Morningstar Small Cap Blend Category for the following time periods: 298 out of 586 funds for the trailing one year period, 333 out of 563 funds for the three year period, 357 out of 543 funds for the five year period, 62 out of 586 for the ten year period and 3 out of 335 for the since strategy inception period. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Different share classes may have different rankings.

Source: J.P. Morgan Asset Management, Frank Russell Company, Morningstar.

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#### Performance attribution – 3Q24

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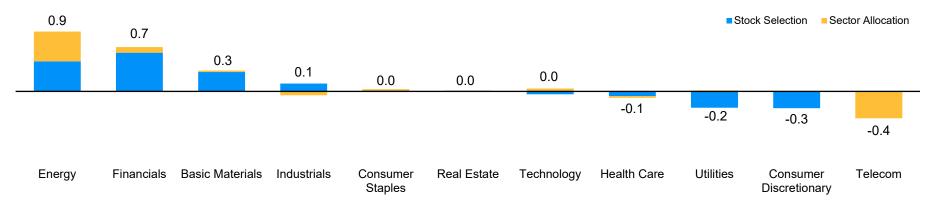
Benchmark Russell 2000 Index

Stock: 0.86% | Sector: 0.15%

Top contributors	Relative weight <sup>1</sup> (%)	Impact (%)
ICU Medical	1.08	0.43
Perimeter Solutions	0.78	0.39
Cushman & Wakefield	1.50	0.28
Eagle Materials	1.17	0.25
Clearwater Analytics	0.86	0.25

Top detractors	Relative weight¹ (%)	Impact (%)
Progyny	0.46	-0.32
Janus International	0.95	-0.32
Allegro Microsystems	0.92	-0.28
Core & Main	1.32	-0.25
Lumen Technologies *	-0.16	-0.25

#### Sector attribution (%)



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Average weight. \*Was not owned during the period. The benchmark is the Russell 2000 Index. For illustrative purposes only.

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#### Performance attribution – year to date

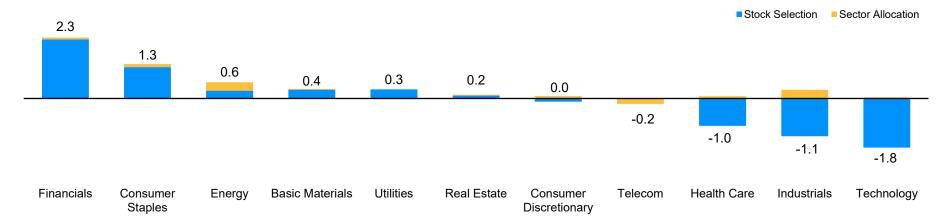
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Benchmark Russell 2000 Index
Stock: 0.08% | Sector: 0.91%

Top contributors	Relative weight <sup>1</sup> (%)	Impact (%)
Perimeter Solutions	0.68	0.73
Stepstone Group	1.13	0.66
ICU Medical	0.98	0.61
Primo Water	1.00	0.52
Encompass Health	1.65	0.50

Top detractors	Relative weight¹ (%)	Impact (%)
Super Micro Computer *	-1.01	-1.04
Shoals Technologies	0.50	-0.62
Progyny	0.62	-0.54
Willscot Holdings	1.83	-0.52
Quidelortho	0.66	-0.51

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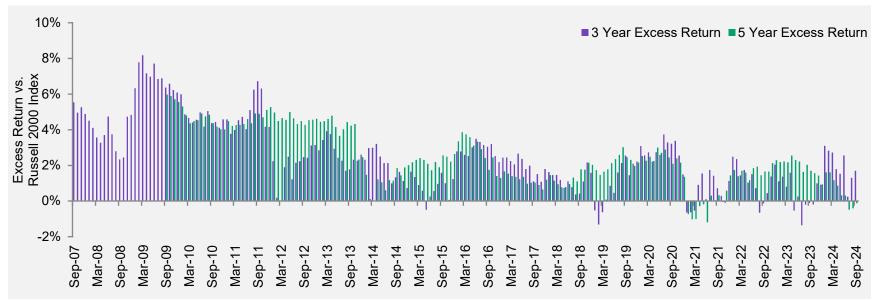
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#### Strong risk-adjusted returns & consistency

10 Years as of September 30, 2024	Return	Standard deviation	Beta	Sharpe	Up Market Capture	Down Market Capture
Small Cap Equity (R6 Shares)	9.90%	18.2	0.87	0.45	89%	82%
Morningstar % Rank (Small Blend)	16	11	14	7	81	8

#### 3 Year & 5 Year Rolling Excess Returns (R6 Shares) vs. Russell 2000 Index



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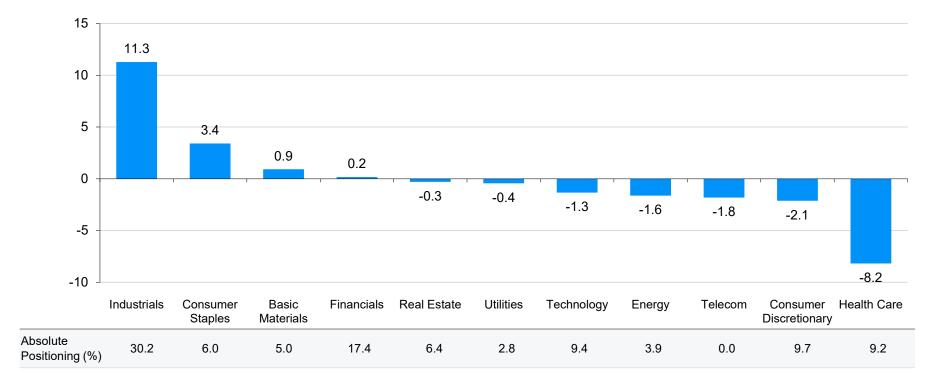
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## Portfolio

#### **Sector positions**

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#### Relative sector weightings (%)<sup>1</sup>



#### Ending weight1

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#### Major transactions: 3Q 2024

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#### **Top Buys**

- Baldwin Insurance \*
- Concentra \*
- Element Solutions \*

#### **Top Sells**

- LCI Industries
- ServisFirst Bancshares
- Guidewire Software

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<sup>\*</sup> Position was initiated during the period.

#### Portfolio weightings

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Top 10 holdings	Portfolio weight (%)	Benchmark weight (%)	Active position (%)	Top 10 overweights	Portfolio weight (%)	Benchmark weight (%)	Active position (%)
Willscot Holdings	1.96	0.00	1.96	Willscot Holdings	1.96	0.00	1.96
Performance Food Group	1.81	0.00	1.81	Performance Food Group	1.81	0.00	1.81
Encompass Health	1.74	0.00	1.74	Encompass Health	1.74	0.00	1.74
Cushman & Wakefield	1.73	0.12	1.61	Cushman & Wakefield	1.73	0.12	1.61
MSA Safety	1.50	0.00	1.50	MSA Safety	1.50	0.00	1.50
Hayward	1.48	0.00	1.48	Hayward	1.48	0.00	1.48
Novanta	1.48	0.24	1.24	MACOM Technology Solutions	1.47	0.00	1.47
MACOM Technology Solutions	1.47	0.00	1.47	WEX	1.46	0.00	1.46
WEX	1.46	0.00	1.46	RBC Bearings	1.46	0.00	1.46
RBC Bearings	1.46	0.00	1.46	Evercore	1.41	0.00	1.41
Total	16.07	0.36	15.71	Total	16.00	0.12	15.89

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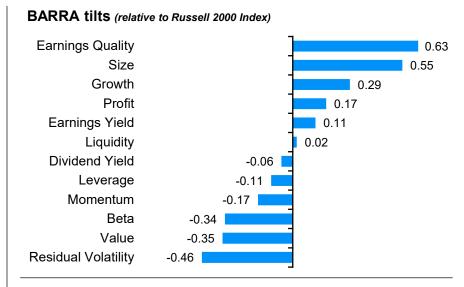
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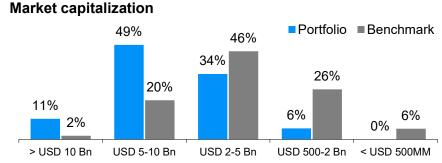


#### Portfolio characteristics

#### JPMorgan Funds – Small Cap Equity Fund as of September 30, 2024

Characteristics	Portfolio	Benchmark
Weighted Avg. Market Cap	\$6.4bn	\$3.4bn
Price / Earnings, 12-mth fwd <sup>1</sup>	19.2x	23.5x
EPS Growth, 12-mth fwd	13.9%	13.2%
Beta <sup>2</sup>	0.89	1.00
Tracking Error <sup>2</sup>	5.21	N/A
Turnover <sup>3</sup>	18%	N/A
ROE⁴	13.3%	5.2%
Active Share	94%	N/A
Number of holdings	99	1,973





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<sup>1.</sup> Includes negatives.

<sup>2.</sup> Three-year trailing, calculated on a monthly basis.

<sup>3.</sup> Average 12-month turnover over past three years.

<sup>4.</sup> Twelve month trailing The benchmark is the Russell 2000 Index. For illustrative purposes only.

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# Appendix

#### **Environments**

#### JPMorgan Funds – Small Cap Equity Fund

## Environments in which the portfolio tends to **perform well**

- · Company-specific fundamentals are the main driver of returns
- Investor preference for quality and attractive valuations
- · Periods of downside volatility

#### Example: 2011

- Higher quality stocks held up well during a more volatile year
- · Our focus on more stable companies was rewarded
- Stock selection was positive in every sector with the exception of energy and utilities

## Environments in which the portfolio tends to **struggle**

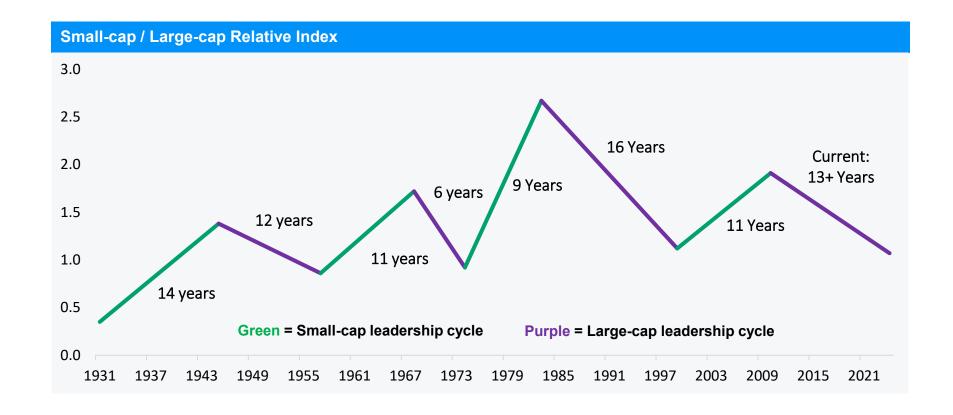
- · Stocks with higher valuations outperform
- Lower quality and/or higher beta stocks perform well
- Sharply rising markets

#### Example: 2013

- The fund didn't keep up with the market as the Russell 2000 rose sharply and closed the year up 39%
- Our style faced multiple headwinds as lower quality companies with higher valuations outperformed significantly
- Stock selection in the producer durables sector and our underweight in health care, which rallied 52%, detracted from performance

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#### We are currently in the 2<sup>nd</sup> longest large cap leadership cycle since the 1930s



Source: Furey Research Partners, Factset. Data as of June 2024.

#### Portfolio managers are supported by teams of dedicated research analysts

#### Core/Value Research



As of September 2024. Years of experience: Industry/Firm.

#### Team biographies



Don San Jose

Managing Director

Don San Jose, managing director, is the Chief Investment Officer of the U.S. Value Team and a portfolio manager within the U.S. Equity Group. An employee since 2000, Don is responsible for managing the J.P. Morgan Small Cap Active Core and SMID Cap Core Strategies. Prior to joining the Small Cap Team, Don was an analyst in the JPMorgan Securities' equity research department covering capital goods companies. Prior to joining the firm, Don was an equity research associate at ING Baring Furman Selz. Don holds a B.S. in Finance from The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. He is a member of both the New York Society of Security Analysts and The CFA Institute, and a CFA charterholder.



Dan Percella

Managing Director

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